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In re application of:

Dong, et. al.

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OF GENOMIC DNA

Examiner: Gunter, David R

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Reply and Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated January 15, 2003 in the above referenced matter. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

On page 1, under the heading "RELATED APPLICATION", please replace the section with the following:

This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/428,350, filed on October 27, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,361,947, issued on March 26, 2002.